Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 9-12, as follows:

In the case of printing from a digital still camera, ~~te~~ the same processing as in the foregoing is realized by conducting numerical conversion on obtained image signal values by the use of a look-up table (LUT) or the like.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 5-12, as follows:

The invention has been achieved in view of the circumstances stated above, and it is an object ~~is~~ to provide an image processing method capable of conducting preferable adjustment for the purpose of photographing and for the estimated primary subject, and an image processing apparatus capable of performing the aforementioned image processing and an image processing program that regulates operations of the apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 15, to page 8 line 7, as follows:

The image processing method according to Item 3) or Item 4) wherein a pattern extracting processing for detecting and extracting plural subject patterns from image information is conducted, and an image processing method is determined from information relating to each extracted subject pattern, the image processing apparatus described in Item 3) or Item 4) wherein the image processing means conducts a pattern extracting processing for detecting and extracting plural subject patterns from image information and determines an image processing method from information relating to each extracted subject pattern, and the program according to Item 3) or Item 4) wherein the image processing means is made to conduct the pattern extracting processing for detecting and extracting plural subject ~~patters~~ patterns from image information, and an image processing method is determined from information relating to each extracted subject pattern.

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, lines 14-23, as follows:

Now, a function to input scene attribute and to register ~~it~~ the scene attribute is connected to image processing section 20. This function is composed of instruction inputting section 30 that is made of key board 31, mouse 32 and contact sensor 34 capable of instructing position information by touching an image area directly while observing the image displayed by image display section 33, and of information storage section 40 that stores these instruction, inputting and registration information, and it is possible to input scene attribute or to instruct selection of scene attribute.

And please amend the paragraph at page 60, lines 1-8, as follows:

An operator observes the image displayed on the monitor to judge whether the extraction for all subject patters is completed or not (step 305), and depresses an indication key. When information of the depressed key thus obtained shows that completion of extraction is not indicated (No in step ~~304~~ 305), processing is repeated from step 303, while, when the completion of extraction is indicated (YES in step ~~304~~ 305), the flow moves to the succeeding processing.